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RAILROAD TELEGRAPHERS PREPARING FOR STRIKE

Strong Probability That the Operators
of the Northern Pacific Will Go
Out in a Few Days.

Billings, Mont.—According to an official connected with the Northern Pacific Telegraph company of this city there is a strong probability of the Northern Pacific railroad operators going on a strike for shorter hours and higher wages within the next few days. Except at division points, the majority of the operators are compelled to work from twelve to sixteen hours per day at salaries comparatively small. In case of a walkout, the operators will demand increased pay and a working day of eight hours.

The authority states that the company has foreseen the present situation and has for some time been employing young men as learners at very small salaries and in case of a strike it is his opinion that these learners will be placed in the positions of the regular operators. Preparations are also being made to install the block system along the line of the Northern Pacific from the coast to Fargo, N. D., and for more than a week material has been distributed along the line to prepare for the emergency.

GAVE LIFE IN VAIN.

Would-be Rescuer Dragged Down by
Drowning Women.

Sacramento, Cal.—Mrs. Charles White, her cousin, a girl of about 18, and the former's brother, Charles Palm, and Manuel Gregg, were drowned in the Sacramento river at a point about a block north of Rocky Point on the Yolo side, on Tuesday. Gregg, who was an expert swimmer, lost his life in attempting to rescue his friends. At the time of the accident the party was in a duck boat endeavoring to reach a house boat, in which Mrs. White lived. The house boat capsized. Gregg witnessed the accident from shore, and went to the assistance of the party, but was grabbed around the neck by the three drowning persons and dragged under water.

THE TELEGRAPH STRIKE.

The Associated Press Reports Improve-
ment in the Situation.

Chicago.—The Associated Press service has made gradual improvement during the past week, in spite of the strike of its operators. In the eastern and central divisions, 170 of the old men are at their keys and less than sixty men are out. Five of the best men have returned to the Chicago office and practically every wire in the Chicago office is manned day and night. In California regular operators are at work in San Francisco, Bakersfield, Los Angeles, Fresno and San Diego and the leased wire service is going to papers in those cities.

STOLE MAIL SACKS.

Mysterious Theft From Train Is Puz-
zling Detectives.

Lincoln, Neb.—Three registered mail sacks containing about a quarter million dollars disappeared from the Burlington train between Denver and Oxford, Neb., Sunday night. Detectives and postal officials are investigating. Superintendent Butler of the mail clerks, believes the robbery was just west of the Nebraska line. Both the mail clerks slept while the train was passing along stretches between the few stations. It is believed somebody entered the car and threw out the sacks. The destination of the sacks was Chicago.

May Capture Raisuli.

Tangier.—Raisuli, the captor of Sir Harry McLean, is at his old camping ground, El Hauta, the shrine of Sidi-kuseph. He has written a letter to El Merani, the uncle of the sultan, telling him he was sent out by the sultan to fight, not to remain inactive. This communication angered El Merani and he moved his army to within eight miles of Raisuli's position. Fighting is imminent. If El Merani is defeated, the hill tribes will lose Alcazar, but if he is victorious the situation will be saved and Raisuli captured.

Would Save the Peace Conference
From Utter Failure.

The Hague.—Nearly all the governments have instructed their peace delegates to endeavor to bring about some obligatory arbitration law, also the establishment of a permanent court of arbitration, in order to save the conference from failure. Efforts of the delegates are directed towards arrangement of a treaty with Germany, which country has thus far opposed the world treaty on the ground that it would minimize rather than promote obligatory arbitration.

PRESIDENT SMALL OPTIMISTIC AS TO TELEGRAPHERS' STRIKE

Claims That Ninety-five Per Cent of
Operators Are Out and Will Stay
Out Until They Win.

New York.—S. J. Small, president of the Commercial Union of Telegraphers, arrived in New York Sunday morning from the west. Speaking of the strike situation, he said:

"We have full 95 per cent of all the commercial telegraphers in the United States on strike. This applies to small and large cities. Thousands of one-man offices are closed, and the keys to the doors are in possession of city officials, to be turned over to the inspectors of the company when they arrive. We have started to raise a large fund—two of them in fact. One of these is for the benefit of the strikers, and the other to be expended in propaganda work in favor of government control of the telegraph. Although the call for funds has only been out for a few days, many remittances were received before I left Chicago and, strange to say, as much was received for the campaign fund as for the benefit of the strikers. Much has been published about arbitration, but the cry from coast to coast is 'No arbitration.'"

IRELAND'S OPPORTUNITY.

Frank Sullivan Looks Forward to
American-Japanese War.

Ponteney, Belgium.—The local mayor of Dublin on Sunday unveiled the monument erected to commemorate the bravery of the Irish brigade in the battle of Fontenoy in 1745 in the presence of 300 Irish visitors, the local authorities and the clergy. The monument was presented to the town by various societies. Frank Sullivan of San Francisco, in replying to the toast, "The Sea-Divided Gael," asked that Ireland be patient and await the inevitable war between America and Japan for control of the Pacific. He declared that Irishmen should not enter the British army or navy.

AN OUTBREAK IN ARGENTINE.

Chief of Police Was Leader of Short-
Lived Insurrection.

Buenos Ayres.—A local revolution broke out in the city of San Luis, capital of the province of San Luis, a town of 10,000 inhabitants situated about 140 miles southeast of Buenos Ayres. The chief of police was the leader of the insurrection and the government and other provincial authorities were made prisoners. The insurrectionists immediately chose a new governor, named Adaro, and installed him in office. News from San Luis received Sunday, reports that complete quiet has been restored and further disturbances are not anticipated.

Mines Close Down on Account of Ma-
chinists' Strike.

Butte.—The big Gagnon, Never-sweat and West Stewart mines and the Daly-Davis crosscut have been forced to close down by the machinists' strike. Business men are becoming alarmed at the possibilities of the strike on the part of the machinists. It is feared that other mines may follow the example of the properties mentioned and shut down as fast as the machinery becomes unfitted for use. Both the unions and the mining companies show no sign of weakening.

Another Junket to the Isthmus of
Panama Proposed by Tawney.

Washington.—An examination on the ground of the estimates for the appropriations for continuing work on the Panama canal, submitted by Secretary Taft for the fiscal year of 1909, is to be made by members of the next congress, who will have charge of the preparation of the sundry civil bill, in which the appropriation for the canal is incorporated.

NATIVES COST LESS.

So Government Will Hire Filipinos to
Keep Islands in Shape.

Washington.—Inquiry at the war department on a report from Japan that the authorities plan to increase the troops in the Philippines by adding thirteen regiments of natives, shows the story originated in a recommendation by General Mills, department of Caisays, that the scout force be increased by fifty companies. The recommendation is due to the desire to reduce expenses, natives costing less than American soldiers.

Taft Advises Oklahomans to Reject
Constitution.

Oklahoma City.—Secretary Taft, in a speech Saturday night in convention hall to 1,000 people, advised the citizens of Oklahoma and Indian Territory to reject the constitution recently adopted by the convention at Guthrie, and declared the next congress would pass a new enabling act. Taft emphasized the fact that he was not representing President Roosevelt; that the views expressed are his own, and in no sense inspired by the president.

Brother of Sultan Has Been Called to
the Throne.

Tangier.—A courier from Morocco City, confirms the reports that the brother of the sultan had been proclaimed sultan August 16. After announcing by a salute of four guns his assumption of the throne he immediately formed a court. The influence of the former sultan in the south is disappearing and Mulai Hafiz has declared his intention to appoint his brother Mohammed Kalif of Fez and then proceed to take command of the Moorish forces besieging Casablanca.

WILD PANIC IN SAN FRANCISCO

Powder Explosion Across the Bay
Causes People to Believe Town
Was Visited by Earthquake.

Thousands of People Become Panicky
Stricken and Stampeded, a Num-
ber Being Trampled Upon and
Injured by the Frightened
Crowd.

San Francisco.—An explosion which occurred Saturday morning in the Dupont powder works at Sorento on the bay shore north of Berkeley, caused a panic and the injury of a number of people in this city. When the explosion was heard by the thousand employees of the California Fruit Cannery association, who were at work in the big establishment of the company at the foot of Van Ness avenue, they thought it was caused by an earthquake and made a mad rush to escape to the streets. During the stampede a number of persons were thrown down and trampled upon. So far as is known no one was killed, but many were badly hurt. Several ambulances were at once sent to the scene and all the aid possible was extended to the injured.

The main crush occurred in the main hallway of the building into which nearly all of the 500 women employees rushed. Those below somehow slammed the heavy doors leading to the street and the hundreds of women who threw themselves headlong down the stairs were crushed again the barred and bolted exit. Not until Lieutenant Wright arrived with a squadron of patrolmen were the doors opened and the women allowed to reach the street.

SHRINKAGE IN VALUES.

The Bankers' Magazine Will Print a
Startling Story.

London.—The next issue of the Bankers' Magazine will print a tale telling the tale of millions evaporated on the stock exchange by the depreciation of securities of all grades and of all varieties, which the editor likens to a "survey of a district afflicted by the devastating calamity."

For August the decline in 387 representative stocks reached the staggering total of \$680,000,000. This makes an aggregate of \$1,725,000,000 since the beginning of the year, of which \$555,000,000 is in American railroad shares, \$240,000,000 in British funds and \$180,000,000 in English railway and ordinary stocks. Judged purely from a percentage basis, however, the most serious losses have been in the South African market, averaging 25 per cent.

As regards the month itself, the table indicates that American railroad securities are far in the front, with a

THUNDERSTORMS AND LIGHTNING

Eight Hundred People a Year Killed
in United States.

Washington.—An average of 800 people are killed in the United States each year by lightning, according to data collected by the weather bureau. This means that about one in each 100,000 of population is killed in that manner.

The belt of most numerous visitations includes all of Florida, except the southernmost tip, the lower edges of Georgia and the southeastern corner of Alabama. In that belt an average of forty-five thunderstorms a year is experienced.

The zone of next greatest frequency includes the more northern parts of Georgia and Alabama, and its annual average is forty storms.

Refuse to be Held up and Are Shot by
Highwaymen.

Billings, Mont.—Four men were shot, one fatally and one maimed for life in an attempted hold-up at Huntley, on the government townsite on the recently opened Huntley project. Six Finlanders and one American were sleeping in a box car when awakened by an order to hold up their hands. The Finns refused. The robbers opened fire. Three Finns and one robber were wounded. The latter was captured but his companion escaped.

South Dakota Blue Law Which Would
Prevent Flirting.

Higmore, S. D.—The common council has passed an ordinance prohibiting male and female persons from loitering on the steps of any church, public building or doorway of any store for the purpose of visiting, eating candy or peanuts, or loitering in the streets, alleys or vacant lots, or any other obscure places for the purpose of flirting in the evening. It will be unlawful for parents or guardians or other persons having minors under their charge to violate this ordinance.

Pearl Harbor Needs Widening, Deep-
ening and Straightening.

Honolulu.—At a meeting of a representative business men called by Rear Admiral Very, resolutions were adopted declaring that the deepening, widening and straightening of Pearl harbor channel was an imperative commercial necessity to both the territory of Hawaii and the United States. Contracts have been made in Baltimore for 49,000 tons of coal to be delivered at Honolulu for the navy. Of this amount 25,000 tons will be carried in foreign bottoms.

BALLOONIST SHOT FROM CANNON FALLS TO DEATH

Parachute Failed to Work and Horror
Stricken Crowd Watches Boy Fall
a Thousand Feet.

New Haven, Conn.—Five thousand persons saw a boy fall 1,000 feet from a balloon Wednesday afternoon and dash to pieces on top of a factory building in the outskirts of this city. He was Theodore French, son of a local policeman, and was 19 years old. During the past week the city billboards have been plastered with an announcement that John Mack, an aeronaut, who has been making balloon ascensions all summer at Savin Rock, would give an unusual exhibition. His assistant, French, the posters said, would be shot from a cannon attached to the balloon when it was floating a mile over the city.

The advertisements drew an immense crowd to the point. The spectators had an opportunity to study the cannon, which was attached to the basket of the balloon. It was a metal case large enough to hold a parachute and an ordinary sized man. When closed a spring inside released the parachute and the passenger.

French fearlessly locked himself in the cannon and the balloon was cut loose. The combined weight of the cannon and the boy inside seemed to make it unmanageable. When 1,000 feet up there was a flash of smoke and the throngs running in the wake of the balloon saw a dark object shoot downward with incredible speed. The parachute did not open. French landed on top of the Mathushek Piano company's main factory building. Nearly every bone in his body was broken.

MAY LEAD TO WARFARE.

Murder of Indian Strongly Resented
by Members of His Tribe.

San Diego, Cal.—Jose Capistrano, an Indian sixty years old, belonging to the Santa Isabel reservation, was attacked and killed near Julian, Monday, by three Indians of the Anahue reservation. According to Capistrano's wife, the assailants, who were drunk, demanded wine from her husband. He refused and the men attacked him. He defended himself until one of the Indians seized an ax and struck him on the head. Capistrano died the next day. The Indians who attacked him are under arrest, and there is strong probability that the tribal feeling between the two reservations may result in further trouble, as there is no love lost between the Indians.

PORTLAND BANK FAILS.

Was Capitalized for \$100,000 and Had
\$3,000,000 Deposits.

Portland, Or.—The Portland Trust and Savings bank was unopened on Wednesday. A notice posted announced the inability of the bank to realize on securities and that it was closed by order of the court and a receiver appointed.

The bank is capitalized for \$100,000. The deposits are about \$3,000,000. At a meeting of the bankers of Portland, it was decided not to respond to the bank's appeal for assistance.

Vice President Lytle attributes the failure to the action of Cashier Morris in buying and selling securities without the directors' authority.

May Send Telegrams by Mail.

Buffalo, N. Y.—It is not illegal to send telegrams through the mail. This is the statement made on Wednesday by United States Attorney Lyman M. Bass. Efforts were made by the striking telegraphers to bring the management of the Western Union and Postal Telegraph companies into court for receiving them by mail. Mr. Bass says there is no federal law to cover the case, therefore no prosecution could be brought in the federal courts.

Natives of British India Barred from
Naturalization.

San Francisco.—United States Attorney Devlin recently received several applications for naturalization from natives of British India. Being in doubt as to what action to take he asked Attorney General Bonaparte for a ruling on the subject. He has just received a reply in which the attorney general states that the natives referred to cannot be classed as white people, and therefore are ineligible to become citizens of the United States.

Preferred Death to Wedded Life.

Denver.—Following an unhappy married life of four months, during the last three weeks of which he had been separated from his wife, John De Temple, aged 24 years, committed suicide by swallowing an ounce of carbolic acid. The act was committed in the home of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Annie Hoffman, in the presence of his wife, Mrs. Bertha De Temple. When Police Surgeon Preston arrived at the house in response to a call the young man was unconscious and died soon after.

Bryan in a Wreck.

Belvidere, Ill.—William J. Bryan was the occupant of one of the three coaches of the Northwestern train which was derailed here Wednesday. Mr. Bryan emerged blandly and made this memorandum in his diary: "This is the fourth time a wreck occurred on my various journeys to speak at Rockford Chautauqua." Mr. Bryan trudged with the others a couple of miles, then took the trolley here for Rockford. The wreck was caused by the baggage car taking an open switch.

GET COLD DUST FROM MAIL POUCH

Alaskan Robbers Reap a Rich Har-
vest During Past Month, Securing
\$45,000 in One Haul.

Increased Charges Made by Express
Companies Causes Shippers to Use
the Mails With Disastrous Re-
sults to Themselves.

Seattle, Wash.—What is believed to be the biggest plot for robbing the United States mails ever discovered is now in operation in Alaska. Word has just been received from the coast that the third pouch is missing in a month has been reported at Skagway.

The sack contained \$45,000 in gold dust addressed to Seattle banks.

Postoffice inspectors already in the north working on two former robberies have taken up the latest loss. It is almost certain that the sacks were stolen in transit on the Yukon river boats between this point and Dawson.

Several men are under suspicion, but no arrests have been made.

Ever since gold dust shippers decided to use the mails in sending out the precious metal instead of patronizing the express companies as previously, because of increased tariff, trouble has existed. The change necessitates the employment of guards by the government to watch the gold shipments. As they have been practically unguarded up to date, robberies are easy, and it is believed that thefts have resulted from the systematic operations of bandits working with well-laid plans.

MYSTICS RULE CZAR.

Visionaries and Dreamers Abound in
Summer Palace at Peterhof.

St. Petersburg.—Czar Nicholas' summer palace at Peterhof is overrun with men and women who see visions and dream dreams. Two months ago there were three such persons at the palace. One of the original trio was the "Red Woman of Samara," and another was an orthodox priest.

The czar's mother is thoroughly disgusted and her relations with her son have become so strained that she threatens to go to her old home in Denmark again in order to get away from a lot of schemers, half mad, the other half rogues.

A few days ago a celebrated spiritist from the Crimea arrived as the "Holy Myria." Myria is regarded in Peterhof as a supernatural person. He has a beautiful voice and sings to perfection the melancholy ballads of the south. In the Grand Duke Peter's villa, near Peterhof, there is a swarm of "magicians" as they are called.

MADMEN TRY TO ESCAPE.

Insane Prisoners at Dammemora, N.
Y., Try to Break Out of Asylum.

Plattsburg, N. Y.—For two hours Thursday night a mob of patients at the state hospital for the criminal insane in Dammemora stood off their guard while others made a desperate attempt to force an exit from the building. Not until one of the madmen had been shot and killed and the guards reinforced by less violent inmates and villagers, was the outbreak suppressed and the patients again locked in their rooms. The large dormitories were wrecked, windows smashed, iron gratings bent and walls damaged, where an effort to wrench their bars from fastenings had been made. The dead man was Isaac Dubois, who had been at the hospital only a short time. Convicted of larceny in the second degree, he was subsequently ordered to the state hospital.

SUPPRESSION ORDER GIVEN.

Secret Societies in the Philippines
Will be Put Down by the Pro-
visional Government.

Manila.—The government has given orders for the suppression of the Katipunan in the Philippines, and to stop the sale of Katipunan emblems. The victorious nationalist politicians flout this secret society flag on every occasion and Americans are indignant at the treatment accorded the American flag. A mass meeting of Filipinos will be held to resent the action of the government.

Governor of Nebraska Declines to Ap-
point Delegates to Convention.

Lincoln, Neb.—On the ground that the movement is in the interest of the corporations Governor Sheldon has declined to appoint delegates to a national convention called at St. Louis of business men to recommend amendments to the state and national constitutions in the hope of harmonizing federal and state jurisdictions and authority. The call cites the North Carolina conflict as evidence of an approach to the danger line.

Queen of Chinatown Killed.

San Diego, Cal.—Viola Brackett, one of the most notorious women of southern California and known here as "the queen of Chinatown," was instantly killed Thursday by a man, who shot her twice in the body and the head and stabbed her in the neck. The man then turned the weapon on himself, inflicting wounds which proved fatal. He has not been identified. The woman once married a Chinaman and secured his property. The young man is but 21 years of age and claims that the woman shot him and then killed herself.

LEADERS OF THE MEXICAN REVOLUTION ARE CAPTURED

After a Long Chase Throughout the
United States and Canada, Oppo-
nents to Diaz Are in Jail.

Los Angeles.—With the arrest of four Mexicans here Friday afternoon the revolutionary movement which under the name of La Junta has for three years been a source of endless trouble and annoyance to the administration of President Diaz is conceded to have been stamped out. The men in custody have been hunted through the western half of the United States, into Canada, along the Mexican border, until the pursuit grew so hot that they were unable to venture out of doors in the day time. When finally overpowered in an obscure section of this city, the cries for assistance induced a crowd of several hundred people to pursue the carriage in which three of them were being transported. Excited countrymen threatened to mob the officers, calling them kidnappers and assassins.

The men under arrest are Ricardo Flores Magoe, president of the junta, for whose arrest the Mexican government is said to have offered a reward of \$20,000; Liberado Rivera, the secretary; Modesto Dias, editor of La Revolution, one of the four papers published by the junta, and Antonio L. Vilarreal. The latter is said to have escaped from jail in El Paso while awaiting deportation on charges connected with the incipient revolution in Cananea about two years ago.

It is believed that the Mexican government, under whose orders the detectives have been acting, will make every effort to secure possession of the revolutionists. "And in this case," said a prominent Mexican citizen, "they will be shot as soon as they set foot on Mexican soil."

MUST USE AMERICAN FLAG.

Commission Bars Filipinos From Using
Any Other Emblem.

Manila.—At a mass meeting of 3,000 Americans, resolutions were adopted protesting against indignities to the American flag and congratulating the Philippine commission on the enactment of a drastic law prohibiting the display of any ensign except the American in the Philippines. The resolutions also invite the Filipinos to join with the Americans in making the policy of the Philippine commission successful. Among those who delivered addresses at the meeting was Congressman McKinlay. The new law prohibits, under heavy penalties, the public display of any flag other than the American, except those of recognized foreign nations. It is believed here that the law was passed by direction of the president and secretary of war.

The Filipinos' nationalist party has adopted resolute disclaiming any intention of showing disrespect to the flag and affirming its loyalty to the American government.

GOLDFIELD MINERS OUT.

Owners Declare Other Union Miners
Will be Given Work.

Goldfield, Nev.—The miners employed on the Mohawk mine, who walked out because of dissatisfaction with the change room requirements, are still out. General Manager Finch of the Consolidated says the men are violating one of the main provisions of the agreement between the mine owners and the Western Federation of Miners, and that if they do not return to work their places will be filled by other union miners. The men claim they were humiliated and subjected to the gaze of spectators. The local miners' union has taken the matter up, and if possible a settlement of the difficulty will be remedied in a few days.

Schiff Doesn't Blame Teddy.

New York.—Jacob Schiff says to blame the administration for the present financial difficulties is both thoughtless and unjust. Schiff attributes the crisis to too rapid railroad, industrial and commercial development, and says we must remember the Russo-Japanese war and San Francisco earthquake destroyed an enormous amount of wealth which sooner or later must make itself felt. Insufficient attention has been given to the fact that both Japan and China have entered into competition for the world's surplus capital.

Marquis Ito Praised for Downfall of
Korean Government.

Tokio.—Marquis Ito's entry into this city was made the occasion by the public to give him a demonstration of its appreciation of his success in concluding the new convention with Korea. This convention is considered to be a surrender by Korea of its autonomous authority to Japan. The imperial carriage escorted by mounted police was sent to meet the Marquis, and he immediately proceeded to the palace to report to the emperor.

Roosevelt Discusses Proposed Cruise.

Oyster Bay.—Plans of the proposed cruise of the battleship fleet to the Pacific were discussed Friday by representatives of the navy department with President Roosevelt, who had as guests at luncheon Assistant Secretary of the Navy Newberry, Admiral Brownson of the navigation bureau, Will Evans, commander of the Atlantic squadron, Commissioner of Indian Affairs Leupp, and Lawrence Graham, secretary of Porto Rico. Mr. Leupp recently completed an extended investigation of Indian affairs in the west.